

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



**FISCAL NOTE**

**SB 2538 - HB 2784**

February 11, 2020

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Deletes an outdated provision of code establishing that a funeral director or embalmer licensed before February 8, 1951, will not be required to take a license application exam. Expands application criteria for funeral director and embalmer license apprenticeships to include individuals enumerated in 8 U.S.C. § 1622(b).

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**NOT SIGNIFICANT**

Assumptions:

- Deleting an outdated provision of code regarding funeral director or embalmer licenses issued before February 8, 1951 will have no impact to the policies or procedures of the Board of Funeral Directors and Embalmers (BFDE).
- It is presumed that the BFDE currently accepts applications from individuals with a federally recognized work status and the proposed legislation would not significantly increase the amount of approved licenses.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-29-121, all regulatory boards are required to be self-sufficient over any two-year period. The BFDE experienced a surplus of \$132,889 in FY17-18, a deficit of \$148,559 in FY18-19, and had a cumulative reserve balance of \$1,088,701 on June 30, 2019.

**IMPACT TO COMMERCE:**

**NOT SIGNIFICANT**

Assumptions:

- The proposed legislation will not significantly increase the number of approved funeral director or embalmer licenses.
- No significant impact to jobs or commerce in Tennessee.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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